Ashdale

Annual Report 1895.

I beg to submit to you my annual Report for the year ending December 31st 1895.

The number of deaths during the year have been 120. Forty-seven under one year; Twelve one year and under five; six, five, and under fifteen; two fifteen and under twenty-five; thirty-five twenty-five and under sixty-five; Eighteen sixty-five years and upwards.

The Causes of death are as follows —
One from Erysipelas; twelve from Phthisis
Five from Measles Five from Diarhœa;
Twenty three from Bronchitis and Pneumonia;
Twelve from Heart Disease; Two from Injuries;
Sixty from all other diseases.
The average estimated population being about 9200, bringing the Death Rate to 13 per 1000.

The total number of births Registered were 346, 165 Boys 181 Girls. The birth Rate being 37 per 1000.

In looking through the above Rate of mortality it will be noticed that there are no deaths from Zymotic Disease, & that the death Rate, is lower than during the previous year. there being only five deaths from Measles. and ~~being~~ twelve less deaths from Pneumonia, whereas in 1894 there were thirty-two deaths from whooping-cough and measles causing a mortality of ~~fifty-five under five years of age~~.

Eighty five under five years, comparing with a mortality of fifty nine under five years of age. This shows our comparative freedom during the year from Epidemic Disease; & strongly points to the vital importance of all precautionary measures being strictly enforced at the onset of an epidemic

In reviewing the past years work three cases of overcrowding were dealt with, two on Rushden Hill and one case in Oliver Cromwell Road. One case of Typhoid fever were Reported, disinfectants were used and isolation resorted to.

In the Spring of the year and again in the Summer I made a systematic inspection of the Town, and visited the factories, Extra closet accommodation was ordered to be provided at Messrs Cave & Sons, Jacques & Clarks and Messrs Saunders.

The water supply is very satisfactory being good and plentiful. I attribute our immunity to Typhoid fever during the past years to the fact of the majority of the inhabitants using the water from the works instead of water from wells, which I have always considered dangerous, in previous years typhoid has been more or less in our midst; with these facts before us, Everyone must see the wisdom of using the water from the works. I Examined twelve samples of well water, some of which were bad & unfit for drinking purposes, and notices to that effect were placed upon the pumps.

The Report on the progress of the sewerage is good, the work being carried out efficiently, and at its present rate of progress will not be long before it is completed.

Your Inspector, Mr Martin reports the sanitary improvements made during the year:—

Drains repaired 151. Drains stopped 88. Middens altered 23. Closets repaired 10; pumps and wells repaired 11. New Closet pails 44 Houses without water, since been supplied 197. overcrowding cases 4. Samples of water taken 12. Scarlet Fever Cases 7. Typhoid Fever 1. Rooms fumigated 14.

I beg to remain Gentlemen
Yours faithfully
C R Alden
Medical Officer of Health

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January 23rd 1896.